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LOAN UNDERWRITER PLEADS GUILTY TO WIRE FRAUD & IDENTITY THEFT

(**Richmond, VA**) - Kym Salisha Saloman, age 43, of Richmond, Virginia, pled guilty today to a criminal information charging wire fraud and aggravated identity theft. Saloman faces up to 20 years of imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000 on the wire fraud count, as well as a mandatory, consecutive term of two years of imprisonment for aggravated identity theft when sentenced by United District Judge Richard L. Williams on August 23, 2006. The guilty plea was announced by Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

The charges against Saloman stem from her employment as a contract underwriter for GE Mortgage Contract Services, Inc. (GEMCSI), which provides mortgage loan underwriting services to lenders nationwide. In early 2005, Saloman began working as a loan underwriter for mortgage lender Ivanhoe Financial, Inc. (Ivanhoe).

In March 2005, Saloman orchestrated a fake mortgage loan transaction on her own residence located in the West End of Richmond. Saloman used two sets of aliases, social security numbers and dates of birth, to act as both the buyer and the seller on the transaction. Saloman unlawfully used social security numbers on both ends of the transaction that belonged to other people. The unauthorized use of these numbers was the basis for her plea to aggravated identity theft. As a result of the scheme, Ivanhoe Financial wired \$299,640.76 to Saloman as proceeds of the sale, believing her to be a legitimate seller of the property.

Once the transaction was detected by Ivanhoe Financial, Saloman attempted to fake her own death in an effort to escape liability. Employees at Ivanhoe received a call falsely indicating that Saloman had been involved in a serious car accident. In a subsequent call, the employees were falsely informed that Saloman had died from her injuries.

Also announcing the plea today is Special Agent-in-Charge, Donald W. Thompson, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Richmond Field Office

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Laura C. Marshall.

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